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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID TO SYRIA

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7780

1. WE ARE PREPARING AND EXPECT CONSULT SHORTLY WITH EC COMMISSION ON PL 480 PROGRAM WITH SYRIA. ON BASIS DATA PROVIDED BY SYRIAN GOVERNMENT COMMERICAL IMPORTS OF WHEAT/ WHEAT FLOUR APPEAR TO BE (IN METRIC TONS): CY 69, 74,495; CY 70, 432,474; CY 71, 710,560; CY 72, 284,755; CY 73, 99, 212. FIVE YEAR AVERAGE WOULD THUS BE 320,315.

2. SYRIAN WHEAT PRODUCTION 1974 IS REPORTED AT 1,050,000 MT, SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW EARLIER ESTIMATES AND APPROXIMATELY
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300,000 MT BELOW CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS. EVEN WITH

EC AND US FOOD ASSISTANCE WE BELIEVE SYRIA DATA SHOW THAT
THERE WILL BE A COMMERCIAL IMPORT NEED OF AT LEAST 200,000
MT WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR DURING CURRENT CROP YEAR.

3. DESPIRE HIGHER UMR INDICATED BY IMPORT DATA FROM SYRIAN
GOVERNMENT, WE ARE WILLING TO AGREE TO ALREADY ESTABLISHED
EC UMR OF 204,400 MT, BUT DO NOT AGREE CIRCUMSTANCE WARRANT
FURTHER REDUCTION TO 100,200 AS PROPOSED IN REFTTEL. INGERSOLL

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